question I put. Now I put another supplementary question. Only on receiving the answer can I put other questions. What is the period of the Committee?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

There is no term fixed. The matter is under consideration.

Commissions on medicines purchased.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

117. Will the Government be pleased to state if the cost of the medicine shown in the budget is inclusive or exclusive of any commission allowed by the supplying firm ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The figure shown in the last column of the budget is the actual amount paid to the suppliers after deducting the discount allowed by them. There is no commission allowed.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

118. Will the Government be pleased to state what the amount of commission or discount amounts to per year?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Vide answer to question 117. The rate of discount was 12½% from Messrs: Ferris & Co. and Messrs: Dadha & Co.; it is 5% on concentrated tinctures shipped from London.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

119. Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons that induced the Government to make Messrs: Dadha and Sons, Madras, the suppliers, when Ferris & Co. had been supplying all the necessities for the last quarter of a century without giving room for any complaint?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The reasons for the change are explained in the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's report, P. No. 214/99, dated 17th November 1924, to the Government, copy of which is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Inspection by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

120. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of days spent on inspection by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer during the years 1098, 1099 and 1100? Is the Government aware that, owing to lack of

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supervision, there is a likelihood of the quality of the work in mofussil stations going down?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The subjoined statement shows the number of days spent on inspection by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

1098	69	days
1099	68	..
1100	49	..
Total	186	..

Government are not aware that there is any deterioration in the working of the mofussil institutions. Statistics of the years referred to are given below, which show the contrary.

Years.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Operations.
1098	5,263	3,12,013	3,17,276.	12,141
1099	5,033	2,00,544	2,95,577	11,601
1100	6,410	3,79,185	3,85,595	14,586

Amounts collected by sale of medicines in Allopathic Hospitals and Dispensaries.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

121. Will the Government be pleased to state the amount collected by the sale of medicines to rich patients in each Hospital and Dispensary (Allopathic) in the State for the past decade?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

There was no sale of medicines and no amount was collected.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

I do not rise to ask a supplementary question. We have some grievances about the answering of questions. Now, to my question it is here stated that there was no sale of medicine and there was no amount collected. I had submitted a question about the Allopathic Dispensary. A portion of that question was answered the day before yesterday. If the Government will be pleased to place on the table the amount derived from the sale of medicines in the Ayurvedic Dispensary and also in the Allopathic Dispensary, I can make a comparison of the expenses for the Ayurvedic and Allopathic Dispensaries. That sub-division was omitted. It is not given in the printed question.

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